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In re Patent Application of

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Serial No. 09/043,406

Group Art Unit: 2163

Filed: 18 March 1998

Examiner: Robinson, A.

Date: February 4, 2002 (Monday)

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Title: SERVICE PROVISION SYSTEM FOR
USE IN DISTRIBUTED PROCESSING ENVIRONMENTS

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

RESPONSE/AMENDMENT/LETTER

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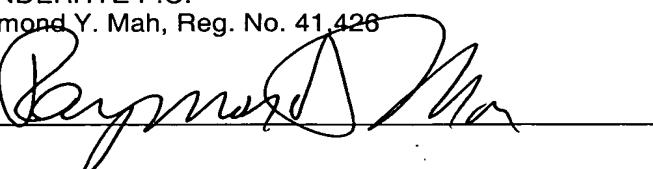
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Sir:

In response to the final Office Action dated August 3, 2001, please enter
the following amendments and consider the following remarks. A Notice of
Appeal is attached hereto.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 49 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend the claims as follows.

46. (Amended) A service provision method for use in distributed
processing environments, said method comprising:
receiving a service request;

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